



# Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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## Missouri's Long Term Recovery Task Force Holds 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Governor Bob Holden established a Long Term Recovery Task Force following the May tornadoes. The first meeting was held July 29 at SEMA. FEMA's Federal Long Term Recovery Officer Brad Gair updated the Task Force on the sustainable recovery long-term planning efforts of two federal teams.

The purpose of this task force is to investigate all possible sources and state resources, to assist in the recovery of the most heavily damaged communities with special emphasis toward Pierce City and Stockton. The Missouri Task Force liaisons closely with the FEMA Federal Recovery Task Force, which is writing a long-term recovery plan for Pierce City and Stockton, and to the extent possible, identify federal resources for both communities' recovery.

Holden asked SEMA Director Jerry B. Uhlmann to chair the Missouri Long Term Recovery Task Force. Core membership is composed of Departments of Agriculture, Labor & Industrial Relations, Natural Resources, Economic Development, Conservation, Insurance, Transportation, the Missouri Housing Commission and SEMA. The Office of Administration, while not a core member, is a key player in determining the disposition of the National Guard Armory in Stockton, and the final disposition of the old National Guard Armory in Pierce City, which was destroyed by the tornadoes.

## May Tornado Disaster Overview/Update

- 76 Missouri Counties Named in Federal Disaster Declaration: 42 counties declared for Individual Assistance, 29 counties declared for both Individual and Public Assistance categories A-G; three counties declared for both Individual and Public Assistance categories A&B; and two counties declared for Public Assistance only.

Financial Information as of July 20, 2003:

- **Public Assistance:** 34 Counties Declared, 151 Applicants with 466 projects totaling \$17,403,000. The Federal Share is 75%, the State Share is 10% and the Local Share is 15%.
- **Individual Assistance:** FEMA received 6,752 telephone registration calls; 3,230 Missouri citizens visited a Disaster Recovery Center.
  - Housing Assistance received 3,196 referrals and approved 2,018 applications totaling \$4,031,178.63. The average Housing Assistance grant was for \$1,997.61.
  - Other Needs Assistance received 2,774 referrals and approved 1,120 applications totaling \$4,115,608.07. The average ONA grant was for \$3,674.65.
  - FEMA distributed 79 mobile homes and 100 travel trailers to citizens who could not find housing – this program is only available for 18 months after a disaster.
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:** Approximate funds available are \$1.5 Million. Thirty-one communities submitted 42 projects totaling \$8.6 Million in costs.
- **Small Business Administration:** Issued 5,292 loan applications (4,148 for homes and 1,144 for businesses loans). The SBA approved 774 applications for \$26,664,800. There are 76 applications pending. The SBA approved 632 Home Loans totaling \$21.9 Million, 88 Business Physical Loans totaling \$4.2 Million and 54 Business Economic Injury Loans totaling \$558,300.

## **65 Missouri Fire Departments Receive \$3.9 Million in Firefighter Grants 35 Departments Awarded Grants since August 8**

Sixty-five Missouri Fire Departments have received \$4,365,907 in firefighter grants from the U. S. Fire Administration a division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. The grant program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, Emergency Medical Service programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs. The July EMD Bulletin 33 named 30 Missouri Fire Departments receiving grants totaling \$1,331,517.

As of August 8, Fire Departments receiving grants for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Beaufort/Leslie Fire Protection (\$82,530); Big River Fire Protection (\$80,782); Brunswick Volunteer Fire (\$60,660); Bourbon Fire Protection (\$95,283); Carrollton Fire (\$41,8220), Carthage Fire (\$25,389); Cherokee Pass Volunteer Fire (\$82,823); Chesterfield Fire Protection (\$71,062); Clarksdale Fire Protection (\$65,820); Clarksville Volunteer Fire (\$36,450); Desoto Rural Fire (\$264,465); Downing Fire Association (\$24,486); Eagle Rock-Golden-Man Fire District (\$104,129); Farmington Fire (\$112,230), Galt Fire Protection (\$48,654); Grove Spring Area Volunteer Fire (\$74,673); Huntsville Fire (\$65,704); Lakeview Heights Fire Protection (\$56,376); Laredo Fire Protection (\$62,693); Licking Rural Fire (\$19,143); Lockwood Fire (\$32,756); Morehouse Volunteer Fire/Rescue (\$28,557); Prairie Home Rural Fire Protection (\$16,649); Republic Fire (\$99,717); Sac-Osage Fire Protection (\$79,920); SARFA in Seligman (\$42,300); Southwest Camden County Fire Protection (\$61,407); Tarkio Volunteer Fire (\$47,564); Tri-Cities Fire Protection of Purcell (\$44,997); West Alton Fire Protection (\$37,620); Wyaconda Rural Fire (\$23,351), and Zell Volunteer Fire (\$114,959).

Fire Departments receiving grants for firefighting equipment are: Desoto Fire & Rescue (\$315,000); Fair Play Fire (\$40,500); and Waverly Rural Fire Association (\$86,160).

## **FEMA's Smart Practice Spotlight for July 23 Focused on L.A. County's Emergency Survival Information Program**

Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management's "Emergency Survival Program" is a public information campaign designed to enhance emergency preparedness at home, in the community, at work or at school. The campaign includes a monthly theme, which gives the public preparedness guidelines for safety and survival following a major disaster or incident.

Campaign materials (both Spanish and English) include calendars, posters, an activity book for kids, an emergency plan called *Neighborhood Preparedness – Alert, Well-prepared and Ready for Emergencies*, the *Kids Quake Club* puppet show, the *Family Steps to Survival* Guide, an *ESP Bulletin on Terrorism*, and an *ESP Bulletin on Shelter in Place or Evacuate*. Materials are provided in camera ready format, posted on the ESP Web site at [www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org).

## **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Seeks Projects Notice of Interest Due by August 13**

Missouri Communities wishing to participate in the national Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) competitive grant program must contact Ms. Sheela Amin by telephone at 573-526-9116, by e-mail at [samin@sema.state.mo.us](mailto:samin@sema.state.mo.us), or by fax at 573-526-9193 **before August 13, 2003**. This program is similar to the existing hazard mitigation programs, which focus on planned, pre-identified, and cost-effective mitigation projects that lessen the impact of hazards on people and property.

Projects must be cost-effective and will compete nationally for funding. Only those communities in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are eligible applicants. This program requires a 25% non-federal match; local applicants will be expected to meet this requirement since funds are not available at the state level.

FEMA has established priorities and project eligibility criteria. The acquisition/relocation of NFIP repetitive loss structures is among the highest priority projects.

The federal register lists the following as **ineligible** projects for this pre-disaster program:

- Major flood control projects such as dikes, levees, floodwalls, seawalls, groins, jetties, dams, waterway channelization; beach nourishment or renourishment;
- Warning systems;
- Engineering designs that are not integral to a proposed project;
- Feasibility studies that are not integral to a proposed project;
- Drainage studies that are not integral to a proposed project;
- Generators that are not integral to a proposed project;
- Phased or partial projects;
- Flood studies or mapping; and,
- Response and communication equipment.

### **FEMA Retains Name!**

Department of Homeland Security Michael Brown, undersecretary for the Emergency Response and Preparedness, announced in an employee memo that the name Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would be retained under DHS. Brown wrote, "Retaining the FEMA name will assure the public that we remain ready to assist them before, during and after any disaster they might face – natural or manmade."

### **Department of Insurance Offers Town Meetings, Counseling**

The Missouri Department of Insurance will hold a Town Meeting in Stockton to hear insurance settlement complaints. The meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, August 11, at the Cedar County Courthouse, 110 South Street in Stockton.

On Wednesday, August 13, the Missouri Department of Insurance will offer 20-minute customer counseling sessions in Canton. Residents may call 800-866-9021 to schedule a session between Noon – 8p.m. at the Canton Christian Church, 6<sup>th</sup> and College Streets. Residents will be asked to bring documents to the sessions.

### **Upcoming Public Awareness Dates (FYI)**

The Winter Awareness and the Spring Severe Weather Awareness campaigns are coordinated with the National Weather Service. Information will be sent to you in October for the Winter Awareness Campaign and in February for the Spring Awareness Campaign. Additionally each campaign will be posted to the SEMA homepage in PDF format that you can easily download and individualize for your campaign. These are the dates:

- Missouri Winter Weather Awareness Day 2003 will be November 19, 2003.
- Missouri Severe Weather Awareness Week 2004 will be March 15-19, 2004.